

-- When Z includes at least one amino acid residue, the amino acid is, e.g., alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, glycine, serine, threonine, methionine, cysteine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, lysine, arginine, histidine, proline, and/or a combination thereof, to name but a few. When Z includes a peptide, the peptide ranges in size, for instance, from about 2 to about 10 amino acid residues. In one preferred embodiment, the peptide is Gly-Phe-Leu-Gly (SEQ ID NO: 1) or Gly-Phe-Leu. --

Please delete the paragraph beginning at Page 20, line 8 and insert in its place.

-- Suitable amino acid residues can be selected from naturally-occurring or synthetic, i.e. non-naturally-occurring, amino acids including alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, glycine, serine, threonine, methionine, cysteine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, lysine, arginine, histidine or proline. Some preferred peptide residues include Gly-Phe-Leu-Gly (SEQ ID NO: 1) and Gly-Phe-Leu. It is noted that the terminal amino group of the amino acid or peptide residue will be proximal to R₁₁ (i.e. polymer). Peptides can be readily synthesized or obtained from commercial sources for inclusion herein. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute for corresponding pending claims the claims as shown rewritten below with amendments effected therein. Appendix I is attached to this document having marked versions of the revised claims with amendments indicated by brackets for deletions and underlining, for insertions.

7. (Revised) The compound of claim 6 wherein the peptide is Gly-Phe-Leu-Gly (SEQ ID NO:1) or Gly-Phe-Leu.

REMARKS

In response to the Notice, a single four residue peptide that is employed as a peptide linker or bridge has now been described in a Sequence Listing as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825, and the specification and claims have also been amended in conformity to 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825.